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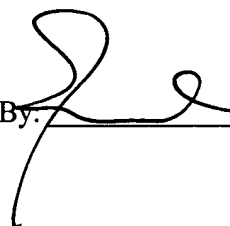


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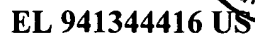
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1. *Merit Abrasive Products Inc.*, Power-Lock Disc Alo Resin Bond, pg 24.
2. *Merit Abrasive Products Inc.*, Flex-Edge Alo Resin Bond Discs, and Quick Change Holders, pg. 28.
3. Idea Disclosure – February 5, 2001, Alexander Serrano
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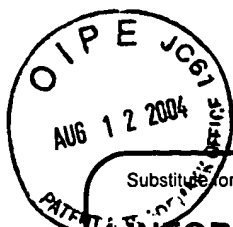
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